

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
APRIL 23, 2009
6:00 P.M.**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Christian County Board of Education met at the central office in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, Thursday, April 23, 2009, 6:00 P.M. for a "Regular" Board meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Barry D. Cornelius, Chairman

Mr. Darryl C. Lynch, Vice-Chairman

Ms. Sheila Cottrell

Ms. Mary DeBow

Ms. Linda Keller

Mr. Brady Link, Superintendent and Board Secretary

Also present: Mr. Jack Lackey, School Board Attorney; Administrators,
Media and Guests

ACTION/ITEMS

**RECOGNITION: Christian County High School Boys Basketball Team:
Sweet Sixteen**

**Christian County Extension Office Essay Contest
Winners:**

1st Place: Stephanie Tournear – HMS

2nd Place: Jerome Childs – HMS

3rd Place: Alex Keeling – HMS

2009 Optimist International Oratorical Contest:

1st Place: Olivia McGee – HMS

2nd Place: Samantha Stephenson – HMS

**Western Kentucky Regional CEDAR, West, Inc. Coal
Grant Award:**

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1st Place: Teacher, Debbie Putman – HMS
2nd Place: Teacher, Daniel Przybylaski - HMS

**Board Member Recognition – KSBA Continuing
Education Academy of Studies –**
Mary DeBow – Level Two Certification
Darryl Lynch – Level Two Certification

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK PROCLAMATION – MAY 4-8

**INVOCATION
PLEDGE
CALL TO ORDER**

The Invocation was given by Ms. Cottrell followed by prayer by Mr. Cornelius and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Cornelius called the meeting to order at 6:25 P.M.

**#108 APPROVAL
OF
AGENDA,
WITH
ADDENDUM**

Motion by Ms. Keller, second by Ms. Cottrell, to approve the Agenda as presented and include the following Addendum:

Discussion/Approval to Employ Chinese Teacher/ Teachers in the Christian County Public School District for the 2009-2010 School Year.

Voting yes: Ms. Keller, Ms. Cottrell,
Mr. Lynch, Ms. DeBow,
and Mr. Cornelius

Voting no: NONE

**COMMUNICATIONS/
VISITORS AND OPEN
FORUM**

**MARGARET MACDONALD, PRESIDENT,
HOPKINSVILLE/CHRISTIAN COUNTY
LIBRARY BOARD**

Ms. Macdonald appeared before the Board to discuss the serious local funding difficulties that the public library is experiencing that limits their ability to serve students in Christian County and to ask the Board to support a library tax in Christian County.

**MARBY SCHLEGEL, CITY
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**
ANGELA SATURLEY, PLANNING COMMISSION
TODD PETERS, RECYCLING COORDINATOR

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Ms. Schlegel, Ms. Saturley, and Mr. Peters appeared before the Board to encourage the Board and in-turn the schools to get involved in recycling. Mr. Peters noted that Indians Hills has had a pilot program on recycling since November of this year and Christian County Middle School Cafeteria has also participated.

Mr. Peters noted that this is a free service to the schools. (A copy of information on the Hopkinsville-Christian County Recycling Program can be found in the Superintendent's office).

Mr. Link invited Mr. Peters to the next principal's meeting to be held on May 6 at 8:30 am to speak to the principals on the subject of recycling.

PRESENTATIONS:

KEITH SHARP, ARCHITECT – NEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr. Sharp provided a presentation for the Board on the new Christian County Middle School including capacity, energy friendly statistics, cost, etc.

Mr. Sharp stated that the school, auditorium and gymnasium is designed to accommodate 950 students and would cost 22 million dollars with the auditorium addition and 19 million dollars without the auditorium.

(A copy of the design drawings can be found in the Superintendent's office).

CATS/MAP INDEX COMPARISON – PAULA YOAKUM, DISTRICT ASSESSMENT COORDINATOR

Ms. Yoakum presented the CATS/MAP index comparison chart from the Spring 2009 MAP Assessment results for the Board.

Ms. Yoakum stated that five elementary schools chose not to give the reading and math MAP Assessment as they were administering other tests instead.

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Ms. Yoakum pointed out that in the reading test given that all grades participating in the tests improved as much as 3.48 to 15.05. In the math test all five elementary students taking the test improved except two schools. All three middle schools improved in math. (A copy of the MAP Assessment results are attached to the minutes).

**#109 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
DECISION TO
USE
CONSTRUCTION
MANAGEMENT
OR GENERAL
CONTRACTOR**

Motion by Mr. Lynch, second by Ms. Keller, to use Construction Management instead of General Contractor for the new Christian County Middle School project.

Voting yes: Mr. Lynch, Ms. Keller,
and Mr. Cornelius

Voting no: Ms. DeBow and Ms. Cottrell

***(BOARD AGENDA ITEM: SELECTION OF
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR CHRISTIAN
COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT
POSTPONED).***

**#110 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL TO
SEEK A WAIVER
FROM THE
KENTUCKY
DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION
AND PURSUE
THE AT-RISK
CONSTRUCTION
MANAGER**

Motion by Mr. Lynch, second by Ms. Keller, to seek a waiver from the Kentucky Department of Education and pursue the at-risk Construction Manager.

Voting yes: Mr. Lynch, Ms. Keller,
and Mr. Cornelius

Voting no: Ms. DeBow and Ms. Cottrell

**#111 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
TO EMPLOY
AN INSURANCE
CONSULTANT**

Motion by Ms. Cottrell, second by Ms. DeBow, upon the recommendation of Mr. Spillman, Finance Director, to employ an insurance consultant, Peel and Holland at a cost of up to \$2500 (A copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference).

Voting yes: Ms. Cottrell, Ms. DeBow,
Ms. Keller, Mr. Lynch,
and Mr. Cornelius

Voting no: NONE

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**#112 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
OF BUSINESS-
ONE UTILITY
AUDIT
SERVICES TO
CONDUCT A
REVIEW OF
CHRISTIAN
COUNTY
SCHOOLS
UTILITY BILLS**

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Spillman, Finance Director, motion by Ms. Cottrell, second by Ms. Keller, to approve Business-One Utility Audit Services to conduct a review of Christian County Schools utility bills (A copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference).

Voting yes: Ms. Cottrell, Ms. Keller,
Ms. DeBow, Mr. Lynch,
and Mr. Cornelius

Voting no: NONE

**#113 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
SELECTION
OF BOARD
MEMBER TO
SERVE ON
CHRISTIAN
COUNTY
EDUCATION
COALITION
(CONTINUED
FROM MARCH
19TH BOARD
MEETING)**

Motion by Mr. Lynch, second by Ms. Keller, to select Sheila Cottrell to serve as the Board member on the Christian County Education Coalition.

Voting yes: Mr. Lynch, Ms. Keller,
Ms. DeBow, Ms. Cottrell,
and Mr. Cornelius

Voting no: NONE

**#114 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
OF REQUEST
TO ADJUST
THE CAREER
AND
TECHNICAL
CENTER
SCHOOL
TECHNOLOGY
ASSISTANT (STA)
STIPEND**

Motion by Ms. DeBow, second by Ms. Keller, to approve request to adjust the Career and Technical Center School Technology Assistant (STA) stipend (A copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference).

Voting yes: Ms. DeBow, Ms. Keller,
Ms. Cottrell, Mr. Lynch,
and Mr. Cornelius

Voting no: NONE

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**#115 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
TO EMPLOY
CHINESE
TEACHER/
TEACHERS
IN THE
CHRISTIAN
COUNTY
PUBLIC
SCHOOL
DISTRICT
FOR THE
2009-2010
SCHOOL YEAR**

Motion by Ms. Cottrell, second by Ms. Keller, to employ Chinese teacher/teachers in the Christian County Public School District for the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Link explained that \$13,000 would be paid by China to go toward the salary of a teacher and if a host family could be found, this also could be applied toward the salary.

Voting yes: Ms. Cottrell, Ms. Keller,
Mr. Lynch, Ms. DeBow,
and Mr. Cornelius

Voting no: NONE

**#116 CONSENT
AGENDA**

Following a discussion and question by Ms. DeBow concerning the number of teachers leaving/retiring this year, motion by Ms. Cottrell, second by Ms. Keller, to approve the following Consent Agenda:

(A copy of all exhibits is attached to the minutes).

A) Financial Matters:

1) Approval of Monthly Financial Reports and Authorizing the Payment of Bills;

2) Other

B) Approval Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held March 19 and Special Board Meeting held March 23, 2009;

C) Approval School-Related Student Field Trip Request for Christian County High School Cheerleaders to State Tournament Competition in Lexington, Kentucky, March 18-19, 2009; Latrece Rice, Sponsor (Emergency Approved);

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- D) Approval School-Related Student Field Trip Request for Christian County High School Job's for Kentucky Graduates Career Development Conference, Lexington, KY, April 12-14, 2009; Melanie Barrett, Sponsor (Emergency Approved);
- E) Approval School-Related Student Field Trip Request for Academic Student Summit for Post-Secondary Educational Student Leadership, Louisville, KY, May 15-16, 2009; Ruth Lynch, Sponsor;
- F) Approval School-Related Student Field Trip Request by Christian County Board of Education STLP to State Competition, Lexington, KY, May 20-22, 2009; Philip Taylor/Kay Harrison, Sponsors;
- G) Approval School-Related Student Field Trip Request for Hopkinsville High School FFA to State Convention in Lexington, KY, June 8-11, 2009; Troy Goode, Sponsor;
- H) Approval School-Related Student Field Trip Request for Hopkinsville High School FFA to FFA Leaders Training Center, Hardinsburg, KY, June 15-19, 2009; Troy Goode, Sponsor;
- I) Approval Extended Medical Leave of Absence for Lori Price from May 4, 2009 through the End of the 2008-2009 School Year;
- J) Approval Medical Leave of Absence for Natalie Riggs from March 13, 2009 through April 10, 2009;
- K) Approval Expense Reimbursement and Travel Voucher-Out-of-District Update Policies #03.125 and 03.225 and Procedure 03.125 AP.22 - First Reading;

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- L) Approval Invoice #1 to JKS Architect and Engineers for New Christian County Middle School Facility in the Amount of \$63,329.25;
- M) Approval Change Order Number One (1) for Christian County Middle School Re-paving Parking Lot; Deduction of \$3,460.21;
- N) Approval Change Order Number Two (2) for Millbrooke Elementary School 2008 Re-roofing Project; Deduction of \$1,483.10;
- O) Approval Change Order Number One (1) for Christian County School's Bus Garage Partial Re-roof 2009; Deduction of \$3,000.00;
- P) Approval Change Order Number One (1) for South Christian Elementary School Re-paving Parking Lot; Deduction of \$3,475.00;
- Q) Acknowledgment of Receipt of Month Seven (7) Attendance 2008-2009;
- R) Acknowledgment of Receipt of Personnel Matters/Reports;
- S) Establish Next Regular Meeting of the Christian County Board of Education for Thursday, May 21, 2009, 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Central Office
- T) Other

Voting yes: Ms. Cottrell, Ms. Keller,
Mr. Lynch, Ms. DeBow,
and Mr. Cornelius

Voting no: NONE

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**INDIVIDUAL
BOARD MEMBER
AND
SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS AND
CONCERNS****MS. KELLER**

Ms. Keller congratulated Coach Stovall and the CCHS basketball team for their successful year.

Ms. Keller stated that the CATS/MAP scores looked good.

Ms. Keller stated that the Gifted and Talented meeting on clustering for parents held Wednesday evening was a good meeting. Ms. Keller suggested that questions and answers about the program be placed on the web site so that all can be informed. Also, Ms. Keller asked if the Board Agenda could be placed on the web site prior to the board meeting.

Ms. Keller thanked the district for allowing her to attend the National School Board Association Annual Convention this year. She was impressed with the speakers and mentioned that the new Secretary of Education spoke at the Convention and she was glad to hear him state that more money would be put into education.

MR. LYNCH

Mr. Lynch also thanked the district for allowing him to attend the National School Board Association Convention this year.

Mr. Lynch thanked Mr. Sharp and his firm for the great job and presentation on the new Christian County Middle School.

Mr. Lynch mentioned a form that would be coming to elementary principals to nominate teachers for the History "Teacher of the Year".

MR. CORNELIUS

Mr. Cornelius also thanked the district for allowing him to attend the National School Board Association Convention this year. He stated that the exhibits and sessions were very good this year.

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MS. DEBOW

Ms. DeBow stated that she attended the Gifted and Talented cluster meeting for parents Wednesday night and that it was a very good meeting. She stated that the Board needed to be informed of the content to be presented prior to a meeting like that. She stated that parents and teachers would like to set a meeting very soon with Mr. Link to further discuss the subject, especially if the change is to take place next year. Parents need more information as they do not understand it as of now.

Ms DeBow said she attended the Code of Acceptable Behavior meeting with Ms. Kranz and found no changes needed to be made with the Code. However, she stated that the Code was not being enforced. Ms. DeBow thanked Mr. Cavanah for the way in which he handled the situation this week with the student with the gun.

MS. COTTRELL

Ms. Cottrell also thanked the District for allowing her to attend the National School Board Convention this year. She noted that there were great workshops and great speakers.

Ms. Cottrell congratulated Nathan Howton on being named the Principal at North Drive Middle School.

Ms. Cottrell stated that "if you get behind your child they will succeed".

Ms. Cottrell read the list of Governor Scholars for 2009. These students will be recognized at the May 21st Board meeting.

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MR. LINK

Mr. Link thanked the teachers and the principals for the improvements that have been made. He said that the MAP scores were good indicators that we will see improvements in the CATS scores. Mr. Link noted that everyone was working hard and smart – and to continue through to the finish line.

#117 ADJOURNMENT Motion by Ms. Cottrell, second by Ms. Keller to adjourn (8:25 P.M.)

APPROVED CHAIRMAN _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____